

IOWA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
Minutes of March 3, 2005
Hoover Building, Level A
Des Moines, Iowa

Members Present:

#Elizabeth Christiansen
#Anne Jackson
Mary Jones (via phone)
#Jim Kenkel
#Sue Lagneaux
Frank Magsamen
#David Miller
John Whipple

(# - voting member)

Staff:

Adam Broughton - DNR
Eric Jenkins - FEMA
Tina Lowery – EPA
Jim McDonald – EPA
Paul Sadler – HLSEM
Curt Sullivan – HLSEM

Member of the Public:

Bob Goldhammer (via phone)

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Sue Lagneaux at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Anne Jackson to approve October 8, 2004 minutes. Second by Frank Magsamen. The motion carried.

Correspondence, Speeches, Conference Reports

In November Chris Scase and Paul Sadler went to Kansas City to attend the EPA Stakeholders Meeting at the Discovery Center. States gave updates on their programs.

(At this point we realized we were having technical difficulties with the conference phone, which were not resolved during the meeting.)

Committee Updates: Membership / Reports

Executive – no report

Information Education - no report

LEPC Support – no report

Fee Legislation Study Committee – no report

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Southern Iowa Regional Emergency Planning District – application for Ringgold County.** Paul Sadler reminded the IERC that last October they had approved the formation of the seven county Southern Iowa Regional Emergency Planning District (SIREPD). Since that time, Ringgold County LEPC has petitioned the IERC to join the SIREPD. The SIREPD has agreed to accept Ringgold County into their District. Sadler said that Ringgold County has satisfactory completed all the necessary application steps required by the IERC.

Motion by David Miller to accept the resignations of the Ringgold County LEPC members, second by Anne Jackson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Anne Jackson to approve the application of Ringgold County and include it in the Southern Iowa Emergency Planning District, second by Elizabeth Christiansen. Motion carried.

Agency Reports

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division

Section 301 –

-LEPC membership – Appointments and Resignations. Paul Sadler requested a motion to accept the resignation of Les Askelson, being replaced by Dean Darling in Winneshiek County LEPC. Motion by David Miller, second by Elizabeth Christiansen. Motion carried.

-LEPC Membership Report – Paul Sadler reported that to the best of his knowledge, there are at least two members in each LEPC. He noted that HLSEM stopped keeping track of those statistics many years ago.

Section 303 –

-Plan Submissions - Paul Sadler reported that there are compliant plans in every county in Iowa except Adams County but he noted that the Adams Emergency Management Commission has accepted planning assistance from HLSEM Staff. He also noted that at any one time, counties fall in and out of compliance due to the yearly requirement to review and revise the plan. He said that Iowa is one of the few states that have such a high percentage of compliant plans.

Section 305 –

- Training Funds and Courses – no report

Division of Labor

Section 302 & 312 –

Tier II Reporting & facility Submissions – Anne Jackson reported that the most current data will probably be completed by the end of this year. The 2002 data base experienced a hardware challenge and the 2003 data base suffered a software challenge and now the 2004 data base is ¼ full already. She expects to be able to correct the problems with the other two later. She said there are over 1,100 facilities with 8,000 chemicals on the 2004 database.

Dept. of Natural Resources

Section 304 & Section 313 -

Emergency Notifications & Form R Reporting -Adam Broughton reported that spills for February were up over 2004. Year to date we are slightly up over 2004 with 282 spills year to date. No TRI reports have been received for this year.

EPA Reports – Tina Lowery discussed the nominations forms for the LEPC conference to be held in Kansas City in August. A TRI workshop is coming up. One will be in Overland Park Kansas and the others will be done via conference call. EPA is determining enforcement actions on facilities that did not submit their RMP 5 year update. Terry Blunt who was at the last meeting, has conducted a RMP accident analysis and has put together a presentation. The Department of Justice has filed a complaint on Agri Processors in Postville, Iowa based on violations of the Clean Air Act, EPCRA 313, and the Clean Water Act. A meeting was held last month with no agreement and one more meeting is planned before going to trial. Tina introduced Jim McDonald, who is the On Scene Coordinator for Iowa. Forty three surplus EPA computers were donated to Iowa. David Miller asked about school inspections by EPA. Tina said that the only inspections they are doing is for PCB's but she would find out if they are planning to do anything more than that.

FEMA Reports – Eric Jenkins said that Joe Chandler has accepted a job within FEMA in Mitigation and will no longer be attending these meetings. CIRCLA grant letters have gone out. There is not a lot of money. He said that FEMA Region 7 will be moving their headquarters to another location in Kansas City.

Public Comment - Bob Goldhammer said that he is concerned that the IERC committees are not meeting.

Paul Sadler noted that Tom Sever, the DOT member of the IERC, passed away January 11, 2005 of cancer and that Julie Cooper, the Governor's Office member had accepted another job. He said there are two vacancies on the commission and he was working with the Governor's office to appoint two new members.

Meeting adjourned.